



**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**[4910-EX-P]**

**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

**[Docket No. FMCSA-2016-0026]**

**Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision**

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of denials.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its denial of 137 applications from individuals who requested an exemption from the Federal vision standard applicable to interstate truck and bus drivers and the reasons for the denials. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from the vision requirement if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The Agency has concluded that granting these exemptions does not provide a level of safety that will be equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption from the Federal vision standard for a renewable 2-year period if it finds “such an exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to or greater than the level that

would be achieved absent such an exemption.” The procedures for requesting an exemption are set forth in 49 CFR part 381.

Accordingly, FMCSA evaluated 137 individual exemption requests on their merit and made a determination that these applicants do not satisfy the criteria eligibility or meet the terms and conditions of the Federal exemption program. Each applicant has, prior to this notice, received a letter of final disposition on the exemption request. Those decision letters fully outlined the basis for the denial and constitute final Agency action. The list published in this notice summarizes the Agency’s recent denials as required under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(4) by periodically publishing names and reasons for denial.

The following 4 applicants did not have sufficient driving experience over the past 3 years under normal highway operating conditions:

Bradlee J. Durham	Nolan B. Dykema	Jerry M. Elsberry, Jr.
James A. Pugh		

The following 23 applicants had no experience operating a CMV:

Jeret D. Akers	Jose G. Alvarez	Cristian D. Berlingeri
Larry G. Buchanan	Enedino A. Burgos	Michael E. Carter
Shernard Cook	Benjamin J. Curtis	Larry L. Davis, Jr.
Jesse J. DeRico	Brent I. Gruszka	Andrei I. Gusakov
Damian Klyza	Miriam Laing	Patrick N. Lancaster
Daniel F. Large	Curtis G. Myrah	Omar Orozco
Moises A. Portillo	Samuel C. Rodriguez	Mark J. Smithson
William B. Stiles, Sr.	Michael H. Taylor	

The following 22 applicants did not have 3 years of experience driving a CMV on public highways with their vision deficiencies:

Osman M. Adanalic	Christopher L. Bolding	William H. Conley
Fernando Cuevas	Fred L. Curtis	Kurt D. Davis
Adriano De Vargas	Alex J. Demaree	Dennis C. Durstine
Howard G. Edgar	Hamid Ferdowsi	Eric S. Hill
Wayde J. Isbell	Lloyd H. Kiihn	Earl B. Moffatt
Bryan S. Moses	Ronald R. Regier	John A. Ruggiero
Timothy P. Ryan	Charles E. Schrecengost	Barney R. Stephens

Larry L. Stewart		
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The following 16 applicants did not have 3 years of recent experience driving a CMV with the vision deficiency:

John F. Armstrong	Gerald L. Barber	Daniel J. Council
Helmut Danecker	Anthony R. Dirjan	David N. Groves
Antonio A. Jackson	Herman R. Lee, Jr.	Robert C. Mason
Wayne C. Merry	Sherard L. Orange	Daniel D. Sandoval
Edward V. Skowronski	Colby T. Smith	Kenneth L. Sutphin
Bryan H. Walker		

The following 12 applicants did not have sufficient driving experience during the past 3 years under normal highway operating conditions:

Joshua L. Arnold	Kevin D. Duffy	Thomas M. Hallwig
Gabriel L. Harrison	Richard K. Hemmingsen	Gerardo Hernandez
Raul T. Leiva	Nathan M. Magaard	Mark Paugh
Gregory M. Quilling	Chad M. Smith	Jeffrey L. Tanner

The following 2 applicants had their commercial driver's licenses suspended during the previous 3-year period:

Michael J. Achille	Tydrick D. Brooks
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The following 3 applicants contributed to an accident(s) while operating a CMV:

Thomas R. Abbott	Timothy L. Bauman	Randy J. Miller
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The following applicant, Thomas D. Jacobsen, did not hold a license which allowed operation of vehicles over 26,000 lbs. for all or part of the previous 3-year period.

The following applicant, Toby L. Simmons, did not have an optometrist or ophthalmologist willing to make a statement that they are able to operate a commercial vehicle from a vision standpoint.

The following 9 applicants were denied for multiple reasons:

Joseph D. Allen	Dennis M. Coley	Timothy W. Detweiler
Hector O. Flores	Jonathan M. Gilligan	David P. Mello

Edward R. Slater	Hawthorne B. Smith	Thomas D. Walsh
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The following applicant, Christopher D. Boyd, did not have stable vision for the entire 3-year period.

The following 13 applicants met the current federal vision standards. Exemptions are not required for applicants who meet the current regulations for vision:

Hani Abiyounes	Kendall K. Chandler	Chad A. Curtis
Shorty Ellis	Karl D. Graves	Carl Groves
Alexander J. Hartelust	Lark M. Hartsock	James E. Jordon
Dorvin R. Neuberger	Peter J. Niedzwiecki	Raimer A. Paredes-Escano
Timothy T. Tyree		

The following 3 applicants drove interstate while restricted to intrastate:

Adrienne J. Allen	James L. Jones	Troy A. Stephens
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The following 19 applicants will not be driving interstate, interstate commerce, or are not required to carry a DOT medical card:

Gary W. Brockway	Fredrick Brown	Richard C. Brust
Joseph L. Cohea	Robert L. Damron	James E. Donaldson
Richard Duran	Freddie M. Henderson	Brian D. Hoover
Ron E. Hullett	Walter J. Jurczak	Keith Kebschull
Charles J. Kruggel	Lois J. Mahar	Dustin M. Mills
Wilbur Robinson, Jr.	Robert G. Schoenborn	Phillip J. Will
James L. Yingst		

Finally, the following 8 applicants perform transportation for the federal government, state, or any political sub-division of the state.

Randy L. Coney	Rodriquez D. Evans	Jose A. Flores
Ira D. Manuelito	Steven C. Myers	Leif H. Stensrud
Joshua E. Weicht	Aaron E. Zelmer	

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